### Approved For Release 1999/09/09 : CIA-RDP82-00457R008900290008 CLASSIFICATION COMPIDENTIAL INTELLOFAX 2 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. COUNTRY Chile DATE DISTR. 26 October 1951 SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES Mass-Soto Affair 25X1A PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. ACQUIRED (LISTED BELOW) 25X1A 25X1X 25X1A DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO DO NOT CIRCULATE INFO. REPORT NO. As of mid-September 1951, the Chilean Appellate Court, under Magistrate Jose Eyzaguirre, was continuing to hold hearings on the faked kidnapping of Edgardo Maass and Domiciano Soto, Sufficient criminal evidence was then available on the following individuals to implicate them in the case: Fdgerdo Masss Jensen Principal. Domiciano Soto Principal Carlos Alexander Fellenberg Ferrer Principal Federico Giemza Steele Accomplice, evidence believed lacking to classify as principal Juan Diego Davila Basterrica Accomplice in absentia Jose Adolfo Moreno Vergara Accomplice in absentia Enrique Paut Barron Accomplice in absentia In addition to numerous other persons questioned by the Court, the following persons had been summoned: Carlos Toanez del Campo A former dictator and now presidential

candidate, who would have profited most had the plot succeeded, he als been closely interrogated by the Court, which was unable to develop any inject evidence of an overt act on his part to further the plot, other than most

association with most of the principals.

Guillermo Izquierdo Araya

A former pro-Nazi, who has long been an ardent supporter of Ibanez, he is very pro-Argentine, is the director linasini Xe. \_ of Accion Chileno-Argentina and 1s istra la Gl**es. 📈** closely associated with all of the above persons and accomplices. Although he is highly suspect, there is no evidence regarding his participation in Ma 14-2 the plot. 30/00/78

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Gen. Ariosto Herrera

A retured, violently pro-Mezi Chilean ceneral, who was the leader of the revolutionary povement in August 1939 against the government, he is at present very pro-Peron and an ardent supporter of Ibanez. Because of his past, and his more recent association with the principals in the present plot, he has been highly suspect, but actual evidence is lacking to date.

Juan Gomes Hilles

A leftist-inclined person, he is Vice President of the Centro Cultural Chileno-Windo, a Cormunist-front group in Santiago, and he is also a member of the heart of the Lecion Chileno-Argentina. His name was included on the proposed cabinet list for the new government.

Julio Schurzenberg

One of the early organizers of the AChA (Accion Chilens Anti-Commista), he is considered pro-Argentine and pro-Thenez. He is suspected of irmlication, but this cuspicion has not been confirmed.

Or, Oscar Lycrdano

He is a member of the board of the Accion Chileno-Argentina, and in 1947 was "ice-President of AChA. He is considered pro-Peron and pro-Ibanez, and his name is contained in the list for the proposed cabinet in the new government.

Tobias Barros Ortiz

Tra-Chilean Arbassador to Germany, he is considered to be pro-Argentine and pro-Thomez. His name was included in the proposed cabinet for the new government.

Enrique Caselli Navo

He was the alleged custodian of the erms cache for the supporters of the plot, which investigation revealed was satisfactorily identified as property of a rifle and pistol club.

Mario Montero Schmidt

Laurer for Giemma and a nephew of Ibanez, he is also a former pro-Maniand ordent Ibanista who ammeared as Minister of Treasury in the proposed echinet of the new government.

Sagonio Gonzelez

Senctor and Popular Socialist, he has been identified as one of the conspirators because of his plotting with Thaner, Gienna, and Ramon Vergam Fontero in Buenos Aires, although actual evidence is not available at this time to satisfy the Court of his implication. He was on the proposed cabinet list for the new government as Einister of Education.

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- 3. Corlos A. Tellenberg, alleged "merd" of "decido Meses and Dericiano Soto during their pretended kidnoming, had previously revealed that he had become involved with the revolutionary plot through his alleged association with the Accion Demurdora de Chile. Subsequent investigation indicated that this appenization was purely inspirative and did not exist. Fellenberg's relitied position is described as being a "pro-Spain, functional corporationalist" and a follower of Mitler, Aussolini, and Franco. He hates to amoism and conitalist equally and believes that Corponism is a direct result of the capitalistic system. He claims that the United States is directed by a Jevish-Mesonic group crazed with world-wide embitions.
- 4. Collenberg's confidential comments on the attempted coun were as follows: On 22 August 1951, he was called by Federico Gierza, previously reported as probable "brain" of the plot and the owner of Il Totorel, where imags, Selo, and Cellenborg were found. Gienza unparently told Collenborg that a revolutionary plot was being prepared and that the latter's co-operation were necded. Gierza instructed Pellenberg to obtain an automobile and to contact others to take part in the plot. Fellenberg then visited Juan Die o Pevile Besterrica, an engineer employed by Indesa, and they discussed the proposed coun for about three hours. Devils promised to obtain the collaboration of Adolfo Moreno Vergera and Parious Paut Barron, both of when were also omployed by Indesa as engineers. Tenortedly, Gienza and Devile were friends and had agreed to nurchase jointly an airplane for convergical use. Devile is a milot. During their convergation of 27 regard 1951 Gienza informed Fellenberg: "Totorrow there is to be a mens de construction in which wholent enti-covernment speeches will be made. It will be the orror tunity to tele possession of some syndlecte leaders and make it appear that the government is responsible for their kidnapping."
- 5. On 23 'agust 1951, after the "Hunger March," Fellenberg said that he met with Gierar, Davile, Foreno, and Faut, and together this group went to meet "dawno blass, who already was come of the elect. Then the entire group continued to Domiciano Soto's residence. Soto and his wife atternted to look the group out, but finally the latter, claiming to be Investigaciones ascents, forced entry into the building and forcibly removed Soto. He was related in a car with Foreno, Davile, and Tellenberg, and on the road they make a station-ungen in which Mass, Gierra, and Paut were travelling. Once at MI Totoral, the hiding place, Soto made no effort to resist his captors; and Mass convinced Soto that he would have to go through with the place. Soto agreed and became cook for the group.
- 6. According to Fellenberg, Gienza's plan was to produce a movement of labor agreeation which would bring about a change in government, as in February 1967, when Mass directed a similar movement. Gienza apparently was of the opinion that "If the Cabinet falls, all will fall". But the plot succeeded, according to Fellenberg, the conspirators had proviously decided that Mass would be appointed as president of a government justs, with Soto as Minister of Tabler and Mavila as impact of Tablet Borns within the junts.
- 7. On 33 pract 10F1 Paut, Devila, and Moreno travaled to Ruenoe dires by plane. It had become evident at that time that they were implicated in the Meass—Sold office and would be investigated by the police. In order to avoid an investigation, they exceed to Argentine, from which country they cannot be extincilized for a "political offense".
- C. A securch of Trut's engreent offer his demarture from Chile revealed the Collowing cight calling cards:

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9. A scarch of Davilla's apartment revealed an envelope wrapped with the tricolor cord and insignia of the "Cozedores" Rogiment. In Devile's notebook, the name of Jacinto Ochon Rios, retired Army general, was noted. Also found were 10 documents:

> Document 1: Momes of the following reserve officers who attended a meeting at the Union Club on 27 October 1950:

> > Lt. Colonel Lt. Colonel

Morcelo Martin Droguett

Luis Soto Davies

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Armando Aberzue Henriquez

Oscar Roman Bonelli

Attache Imbabby

El Salvedor l'ajor

Gerordo Guamon Alverque Enrique Vicuna Correa Avgusto Ubilla

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Pedro Serrano Palma Juan Diego Davila Patricio Vergas Rivera Benico Montenegro Riveros

Document 2: Cortificate given by Augusto Roman Castro, B. O'Higgins 849, 69082, recommending Carlos Fellenberg Furrel as an honorable and industrious verson.

Certificate issued by the Banco Espanol-Chile dated 8 August 1949, saying that this individual was employed Dodument 3: by the bank from 2 October 1944 to 2 June 1940, when he voluntarily resigned.

Document 4: A request presented by Juan Diego Davila Basterrica for pormission to organize a commany to acquire lands in the mountains for surmer cames for military personnel of the reserve.

Document 5: A recuest presented by Juan Diego Davila Basterrica asking for cuthorization to use the emblem of an air force vilot, inasmuch as he is a Coptain of the Reserve and a civil pilot.

Document 6: A sheet of waner, office-size, with the names of the officers attending the Union Club meeting written in peachl.

Document 7: "Order of the Day" of the reserves, written by head by Davila.

Document 8: A continuation of No. 7.

Document 9: Academy of Reserve Officers (the same as before).

Document 10: Various data releting to the reserves.

An investigation of the living quarters of the third member of the trio which flod to Irgentina revealed that Moreno owned a notebook in which was noted the followings

Talcahuano port:

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Tuis Mison Castillo

Tomas Donoso G.

Administrator of the Port

Cap. of Corbeta, Chief Movil Neval Base

Cap. Fregata, Director of Tospedo School.

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11. Dario Poblete Tunez, Secretary General of the Administration, reportedly has recognized privately that the Cornurist Party was not involved in any may in the Three-Soto afficir, but he feels that the Tarty would have cortainly taken every mossible advantage of the affair had it succeeded. lecture of its anti-coverament aspects. Poblete believes that Communist. Reader Himsel Conche Tresade had brior knowledge of the plot and, in fact, may have been more involved than Soto, whom Poblete describes as a mere naum in the affin. Poblete has stated privately that he was of the coinion that the "Lot originated in the Popular Socialist Party (PSP) and be added: "The real leader and brain behind the plot you roul Acouero, Secretary General. of the PSTM. Temortedly, Ammuero was very upset when the PCP was now admitted into the government coedition in June/July 1961, and he became

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determined to force President Gonzalez Videla from office. Further, Poblete explained, after the PSP's failure to enter the government, Ampuero realized that the Popular focialists could probably control only 3,000 votes in the entire country and he decided that a "coup dietat" was rephase the only way to gain influence for his party. Poblete ended: "Ampuero was the director of the plot and Manss only its executor... the Corruntists knew about this and writed to see its results..."

- 12. On 25 August 1951, the government had in its mossession a list naming the Inbor leaders who were allegedly about to travel throughout Chile on orders of the Communist faction of the Confederacion de Trabejadores de Chile (CTCh) to prepare for a nation-wide strike for 23 August 1951. Tabsequently, it became apparent that the list in the government's possession has fabricated by an unidentified informant and was completely false. Actually, never at any time during that period did the CTCh decide to call a general attrike, and no labor leader left Santiago.
- 13. An internal Chilean Corruntet Party investigation of its own members and their ressible implication in the Mass-Toto incident, has failed to reveal participation of any Communists in that affair, although the Party does not overlook the massibility that Luis Reinoso Alvarez or other ex-Corrunists in the involved. Reinoso, long considered one of the leading components of the Chilean Corruntist Party, was expelled from the Party in April 1951 for advocating and leading deviationist molicies.
- 14. The Com unist Party's Political Cormission reportedly recalled during this investigation that, at the time of Reinoso's expulsion, the importance of the Party's not becoming involved in any coup, which might prove harmful to its prestige before the working masses, was explicitly stated. The Political Cormission feels that the Communist Party, as the vanguard of the proletarist, should make them in their struggles and serve as a rally in point when an actual insurrection occurs, but should hold these came masses back them any such moves which do not hold promise of becoming full-scale revolutions. They differentiate however between the above and, as an example, the hypothetical case of the Army organizing a coup and inviting the Corminist Party to take part as a political reinforcement, in which case the Party would certainly accept.
- 15. The Communists point to the Mass-Coto episode as exemplifying what Lemin called "two steps backwards" for the syndicate voveront of labor and whi excoller workers. They consider the road ahead very difficult, with the coverment disposed to wipe out and vestige of a syndical labor movement. It is further noted by the Communists that the political picture was on the verge of a change, and that the Communist Party was uniting and ready to reap the benefits, when the Mass-Coto affair came along to obliterate four years of patient work.
- 16. As a result, the Communists now feel that they have the multiple problems of overcoming lack of confidence in their leaders by the workers, "fear and borrar" of imprisonment, and the "home and family problem", brought about by wives and families urging the workers to stay out of labor and political battles. The Political Corrission considers the Manas-Coto incident to be truly calestrophic for the Communist Party.
- 17. In connection with Guillermo Izouierdo Araya, former pro-Nazi and one of the persons questioned by the Court regarding the Mass-Soto affair, it was ascertained that he was arrested by the Chilean police as an accomplice, rince it had been determined by the authorities that he cumed the automobile unich transported Mass and Soto from Los Cerillos (Cantiago airport) to El Totoral, their hideaway. From Cantiago to Los Cerillos they travelled

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in Gienza's automobile and were then transferred to Izquierdo's car. Following this disclosure the police raided Izquierdo's office and obtained a copy of a letter sent by Izquierdo to Camilo Sistori of Buenes aires, Argentina. The address was not disclosed. The letter, translated from Spanish, read: "Lastly, my dear Mr. Sistori, I beg of you t look after with your usual kindness and generosity three Chilean boys who are in Buenos Aires, having fled from the Chilean police and from our elemies. Because these boys were mixed up in the kidnapping affair and it failed, they were forced to drop everything here and look for refuge and protection in your g nerous country. I hope that you'll recommend these boys to our friends so that they will not lack food or protection. Because of Sheir bravery, Idealism, and fighting spirit they had to leave e erything here. They are at the Hotel Londres, Avda. Lavalle No. 400," The three boys referred to are Juan Diego Davila Basterrica, Jose Adolfo Horenc Vergara and Enrique Paut Barron, described above as "accomplices in absentia".

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